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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER RETURNS FROM A
PEACE-KEEPING MISSION

1. MALI'S FOREIGN MINISTER COL. CHARLES CISSOKO
RETURNED FEBRUARY 8 FROM A PEACE-KEEPING VISIT TO ALL
COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE SAHARAN CONFLICT. MALI'S
OFFICIAL DAILY L'ESSOR REPORTED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER
STOPPED IN ALGIERS FEBRUARY 4 AND 5, IN FEZ FEBRUARY 6
AND NOUAKCHOTT FEBRUARY 7. HE TRANSMITTED A PERSONAL
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TRAORE TO THE CHIEF OF STATE IN
EACH COUNTRY.

2. COMMENT: MALI HAS FAVORED THE ALGERIAN POSITION
OF "SELF-DETERMINATION" FROM THE SAHARAN PEOPLE, IN
OPPOSITION TO MAURITANIA. ACCORDING TO LOCAL DIPLO-
MATIC SOURCES, HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTER CISSOKO FLEW
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TO THE THREE CAPITALS AT THE REQUEST OF MARUTITANIAN

FOREIGN MINISTER MOUKNASS WHO MET WITH PRESIDENT
TRAORE AND CISSOKO AND BAMAKO FEB. 2. THE REASON,
IT WOULD APPEAR, IS THAT MALI'S ECONOMIC TIES WITH
MAURITANIA, ESPECIALLY OMVS, ARE IMPORTANT AND THAT
MALI NOW REALIZES THE DANGER SHOULD A CONFLICT BETWEEN
ALGERIAN AND MAURITANIAN FORCES SPILLOVER INTO MALI'S
POORLY GUARDED BORDERS IN THE 6TH REGION.
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